(SRI T. CHANNIAH.)

(*b*) The question of opening a reduced scale Local Fund Dispensary is under examination.

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**Recruitment to Railway Department.**

*Q.*—502. Sri SHIVANANJE GOWDA (Mysore Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether it has come to their notice that the method of recruitment of persons to the Railway Department in Mysore State has been contrary to the Rules after the Railway Administration was taken over by the Centre?

*A.*—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

The question is not clear.

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**Maddur Shuttle Train.**

*Q.*—503. Sri SHIVANANJE GOWDA (Mysore Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has not come to their notice that much inconvenience is being felt by passengers as a result of attaching only four bogies to the Maddur Shuttle train;

(*b*) whether they will take steps to urge upon the Union Government to make proper arrangements in this behalf?

*A.*—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of reply to (*a*) this does not arise.

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## ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

Sri T. MARIAPPA (Mysore City North).—Sir, I beg to move:

"That Sri H. S. Rudrappa be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—I beg to second the motion:

"That Sri H. S. Rudrappa be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Motion moved:

"That Sri H. S. Rudrappa be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, this is the first time . . . .

Sri M. MADIAH (Nanjangud-Scheduled Castes).—I rise to a point of order. The motion must be put now.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—After the motion is moved, if there is nobody who wants to speak, then the motion will be put. Since the Leader of the Opposition has risen to speak, he will be allowed first to speak and then I will put the motion for the vote of the House.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—This is the first time we are having the election of the Speaker according to the revised rules. When a motion has been moved and when the motion is before this House, every member of this House has a right to speak on it. Sir, the mover of the motion has, in one simple sentence, proposed that Sri H. S. Rudrappa be elected as the Speaker of this House and it has been seconded by my mighty friend Sri Bheemappa Naik.

(*Laughter.*)

A MEMBER.—Weighty friend.

*Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Weighty also. Sri H. S. Rudrappa has been my esteemed friend and we have worked in comradeship from a very long time. He has served in this House and the State in various capacities. I have personally nothing against him. Perhaps the ruling party, the majority party, has had good reasons for selecting him for this high office. I have no regret so far as this choice is concerned. But, my regret lies otherwise.

Sir, the Speaker's place and position is a very responsible one; it is a sacred one. The Speaker becomes the highest dignatory of this House to whom every member of this House

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* Indicates that the speech has not been revised by the Member concerned.